

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 2 is canceled, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 2, claim 3 is placed in independent form and claims 9-11 are added. Support for new claims 9-11 can be found in Fig. 4.

Applicants appreciate the Office Actions indication that claims 5-7 are allowed and that claim 3 contains allowable subject matter.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,674,503 to Niiya et al. (hereinafter "Niiya"). This rejection is moot.

The Office Action rejects claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Niiya. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Actions assertion that it is well known to position spaces at non-display regions. In accordance with MPEP §2144.03(C), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to provide documentary evidence to support this assertion.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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